

Appl. No.: 10/665,003
Reply to Office Action of: September 22, 2004

Remarks

Disposition of the Claims

Claims 1-16 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 2, 4-12 and 15 stand rejected. Claims 13 and 16 are allowed, and claims 3, 6, 8, and 10 are objected to. Claim 14 is listed as allowed on the Office Action cover sheet but is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph according to the text of the Office Action. The following remarks are addressed to the Office Action dated September 22, 2004.

Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 4, 14, and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 4, 14 and 15 have been amended to clearly differentiate between conductive housing 2 and conductive cover 21 and insulating housing 101 and insulating cover 102. Claim 16 is also amended to indicate insulating cover, as appropriate.

Claim 4 depends from allowable claim 3 and claims 14 and 15 depend from allowed claim 13, accordingly applicants respectfully contend that claims 4, 14, and 15 are allowable for the reasons that claims 3 and 13 are allowable.

Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 2, 5, 9, and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Werner (WO 02/15340).

Claims 1 and 2 have been canceled, and claims 5, 9, and 12 have been amended to depend from claim 3, obviating this ground for rejection.

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Claims 1, 2, and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Wellinsky (EP0735612).

Claims 1 and 2 have been canceled, and claim 12 has been amended to depend from claim 3, obviating this ground for rejection.

Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Werner (WO 02/15340) in view of Toly (US 5,295,857).

Claim 7 depends from claim 3, through amended claim 5, and applicants respectfully contend that claim 7 is therefore allowable for the reasons that claim 3 is allowable.

Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Werner (WO 02/15340) in view of Elisei (US 5,695,361).

Claim 11 is amended to depend from claim 3, and applicants respectfully contend that claim 11 is therefore allowable for the reasons that claim 3 is allowable.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 13 and 16, as well as the indication of allowability of claims 3, 6, 8, and 10. Claims 3 and 6 have been rewritten in independent form as kindly suggested by the Examiner.

Claims 8 and 10 depend from claim 6.


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Conclusion

For all of the foregoing reasons and in view of the foregoing amendments, Applicants respectfully contend that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendments, allowance of claims 3-16 and issuance of Letters Patent for the subject invention. Please charge any additional requisite fees relating to this amendment and response to Deposit Account No. 50-1581.

Respectfully submitted,

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